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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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☐ 4. Relevance of the non-English language reference(s) is discussed in the present specification.

☒ 5. Some of the reference(s) was/were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

☐ 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference(s) appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

☒ 7. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/282,211, filed October 29, 2002, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

☐ 8. This application is one of a series of related applications, identified in the attached Appendix, which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of those U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during the examination.

☒ 9. Some of the reference(s) was/were cited by or submitted to the Office in application No. 10/282,211, filed October 29, 2002. Copies of these references are not attached.

☐ 10. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

☒ 11. Since this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of U.S. references are not included.

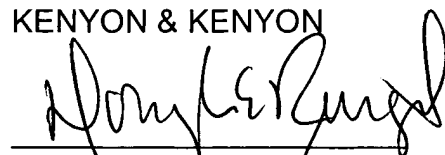
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